

L. C. C. URGES PAYMENT OF FUNDS DUE RAILROADS

Legislation on Explosives, Wooden Cars and Bribery Also Demanded in Annual Report.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report to Congress today recommends immediate payment to the railroads of sums due them under the guaranty provisions of the transportation act, but withheld under a ruling of the controller of the Treasury. The commission says these payments are "vital, in order that the carriers may properly serve the public."

Many of the roads are greatly handicapped because of their inability to collect the guaranty, the commission said.

Rail operations during the year have developed the need of several other changes in laws, the commission said. It urged Congress to amend the interstate commerce act to provide for punishment of any person "offering or giving to an employee of a carrier subject to the act any money or thing of value with intent to influence his action or decision with respect to car service, and also to provide for the punishment of the guilty employee."

Appropriate legislation governing the transportation of explosives was asked. The menace of wooden passenger coaches was set forth as another subject for legislative action, the commission urging that the roads be compelled to use steel cars in all passenger train service and prohibited from using wooden cars between or in front of steel coaches.

Referring to the question of bribery of railroad employees, the commission said:

"As a result of the inadequacy of the car supply and of railroad transportation facilities generally during the past year, a practice has grown up among shippers of bribing operating employees of railroad companies in order to obtain transportation services. The demoralizing effects of this practice are far-reaching. Bribery of this character in many instances cannot be directly and effectively reached under existing laws."

On the subject of equipment supply, the commission declared that while the shortage could be minimized by car conservation and increased efficiency, the only permanent solution was substantial additions to equipment.

The commission's accident table discloses that 6,495 persons were killed

Hand Ball Fans in Madrid Use Choice Brand of Epithets

MADRID, December 9.—The excruciating uttered by the indignant hand ball fan against the unlucky or awkward player in America are as gentle murmurs compared with the epithets hurled by the occupants of the gallery at the contestants in the game of hand ball in the playgrounds of Madrid. "Rogue!" "Tale!" "Con-vict!" "Idiot!" are some of the mild terms with which the players are greeted when they miss a ball or send it back in an easy position for the opponent to play it.

The reason for this excitement is the prevalent betting, in which the women spectators participate as much as the men. Professional bookmakers attend all matches and their shouts of the odds for and against the players are mixed with the cries of the gambling spectators until the scene resembles a bazaar.

The fine points of the game are lost on most of those filling the seats. What they go for is to gamble and the players are merely a means to that end.

TWO RETIRE FROM ARMY.

On his own application, Col. Robert R. Raymond, Corps of Engineers, stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, will be retired from active duty December 21 next, after more than thirty-one years' service. He is from New York and was graduated from the Military Academy in June, 1897.

Maj. Benjamin F. McClellan, infantry, has been retired on account of physical disability incident to the service.

Miss Florence L. Nichols of Boston is soon to sail from New York to take up her new duties as principal of the first woman's college in Asia, the Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India.

OFFERS SUBSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN LEGION PLAN

Bureau in Interior Department for Veteran Re-Establishment Proposed by Mr. Rogers.

Representative John J. Rogers of Massachusetts has introduced a bill, which he intends to push, in substitution for the measure advocated by the American Legion, to establish in the Interior Department a bureau of veteran re-establishment. It has been referred to the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

The Rogers bill, on which he intends to ask for early hearings, proposes a salary of \$10,000 for the director of the new bureau. It would co-ordinate in the bureau all the functions and duties of the present war risk insurance, and the rehabilitation division of the federal board for vocational education, and that all personnel and equipment of these existing establishments be transferred.

It provides that the director shall establish not more than fourteen regional offices and such suboffices as he may determine.

The duties heretofore performed by the United States public health service in physical examination and assignment to hospitals under these two existing establishments would be transferred to the new bureau. It orders that in the hospitalization, medical care and treatment of the soldier, the facilities of the United States public health service, the National Home for Disabled Soldiers and the War and Navy departments shall be utilized.

It specifically provides that all sums appropriated for the two existing services shall be transferred to the proposed new bureau. The bill reads that it shall take effect thirty days after its passage.

BIG INCREASE IN TAXES.

An increase of \$16,350,000 in the amount of taxes collected in October of this year over the collections of October, 1919, has been announced by the bureau of internal revenue, the amount for the latter month being \$199,537,000. Total collections from July 1 to October 31 during 1920, however, show a reduction of \$161,000,000 over the corresponding period of 1919.

ARMY RECOMMENDATIONS COVER WATER DIVERSION

Navigation, Sanitary and Power Purposes Discussed in Relation to Great Lakes.

Diversion of water from the great lakes and Niagara river for navigation, sanitary and power purposes is recommended in reports submitted to Congress by the War Department. The reports covered more than 1,000 pages and were compiled by experts in the engineer corps of the Army.

Among recommendations made by the chief engineer of the great lakes division and concurred in by the War Department is one providing that "no change be made in the methods of dealing with diversions from the great lakes and Niagara river for primary use of navigation."

The report recommended that federal control of the diversion at Chicago and vicinity be established by such measures as are necessary, provided the United States courts do not uphold the present apparent right of the federal government to regulate such diversion.

By another recommendation the sanitary district of Chicago would be permitted to divert from Lake Michigan and its tributaries a total quantity of water, not exceeding 10,000 cubic feet per second, under certain conditions regulating the supervision of the diversion and the expense incurred in establishing it.

Other recommendations were: That consideration be withheld on all proposals for water diversion for combined navigation, power and sanitary purposes.

That the present method of controlling power diversions at Sault Ste. Marie be not disturbed.

That the total diversion through the Welland canal be limited to the present amount.

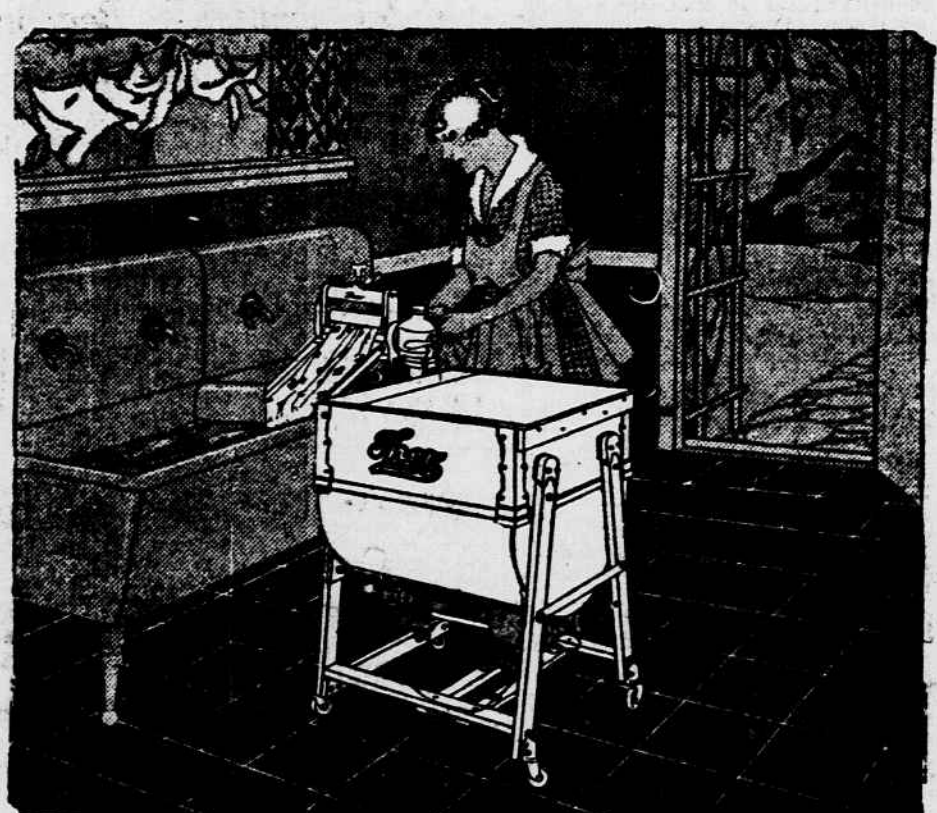
That diversion through the New York state barge canal for power be limited to the 500 cubic feet per second now allowed.

TEACHERS' UNION MEETING.

A special meeting of the Elementary Teachers' Union will be held in the Y. W. C. A. building, 9th street and Rhode Island avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock. Allan Davis, principal of Business High School, will be one of the speakers.

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